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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

How the Day is Being Celebrated In This City.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

Sunday School Entertainment to Take Place To-Night---The Salvation Army Feed Hundreds of Poor Children---At the Poor Farm, Jail, and Millikin Home.

Christmas day is to be well celebrated in Decatur The churches have all arranged entertainments for the children and in homes where there are little ones there are Christmas trees and parties. Times are harder this Christmas than they have been for a number of years but in spite of this fact the holiday is being well observed The merchants have not done the usual amount of business but almost everyone is buying something and all seem to be trying to make as much of the day as their means will allow.

Preparations have been made for the unfortunate ones. The Salvation Army today served dinner to the poor children of the city, and at the jail, the poor farm and the Millikin Home special dinners were served.

The stores of the city were kept open until a late hour last evening and the streets were crowded with people who were making their final purchases. While none seemed to be spending as much money as usual many presents were sold and it was plain to be seen that Christmas is a day which will always be observed whether the times are good or bad.

AT THE CHURCHES.

Christmas Services Held This Morning at Some of the Churches.

The regular Christmas services were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal church. Excellent music was rendered and the attendance was large The church was beautifully decorated The chancel rail was draped with festoons of evergreens tied with large bows of tulle Greens were entwined around the pillars and in front of the chancel and on the altar were masses of flowers and growing plants. In addition to the regular surplice choir the following persons assisted in the rendering of the music Miss Alice Hanford, Mrs F. R Stoner, Mr Dickinson, Miss Lillian King, Miss Ella Bassey, Miss Maud Burrows and J. B Burrows The music was in charge of the choir master, George Dunston, and Fred Church played the organ. The prelude was an offertory on two Christmas hymns by Guilmant The choir entered the church from the vestry door singing the hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings," and marched up the south aisle and up the middle aisle to the chancel. After the regular morning service the holy communion was celebrated The communion music was by King Hall. The communion hymn was "Come With All Faithful" George Dunston sang the offertory solo, "The Wonderous Star," in a manner which reflected great credit upon his ability as a vocalist. The rector, Rev Frank N. Atkin, preached a short Christmas sermon which was quite appropriate to the occasion The choir left the church to the processional hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The organist played Mendelssohn's first prelude as a postlude

At All Angels' Church.

The Christmas services at All Angel's church began last evening at 11:45 o'clock. At midnight there was a solemn celebration of the holy communion. The first services this morning was at 7:30 o'clock. At 10 o'clock there was morning prayer and at 10:30 the Holy Eucharist was celebrated the rector, Rev. W. Bedford Jones, officiating The choir has been preparing for some time the music for the occasion and the rendition of the Christmas hymns and chants was excellent. The music will be repeated next Sunday.

At the Catholic Churches.

Services of an elaborate nature were held today at St. Patrick's Catholic church At 5:30 o'clock this morning solemn high mass was celebrated by Very Rev Father P. J. Mackin. A choir of forty voices rendered special music. At this service Father Mackin delivered a Christmas sermon. At 8 o'clock low mass was celebrated and again at 10 o'clock high mass was said by Rev. Father Brady who preached a sermon All of the services were well attended. The church was exquisitely decorated with beautiful flowers and plants. A special feature of the decorations was a representation of the infant Christ in the manger.

At St. James German Catholic church there were also special services, the principal one being at 5:30 o'clock in the morning when solemn high mass was celebrated by the rector, Rev. Father Teppe. Two other masses were said later in the day.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

Exercises Which Will Take Place This Evening at Some of the Churches.

At a number of the churches of the city exercises were held last evening for the Sunday school children. The programs were carried out as reported in this paper yesterday evening. The other churches will hold services this afternoon and tonight.

First Methodist Church.

The children's entertainment will be held at the First Methodist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A Christmas cantata will be given in which the following children will take part: Olie Walmsley, Leptha Patterson, Eleanor Austin, Ray Johnson, Walter Jamison, Florence Tucker, Maggie Nichols. The church will be decorated and a treat has been arranged for the children.

Presbyterian Church.

An entertainment will be given for the children of the First Presbyterian church this evening at 6 o'clock in the main room of the church. The members of the Sunday school will be admitted free and all others will be charge 10 cents. Norman Howe, the impersonator, has been secured for the evening and will give an entertainment. The opera house orchestra will be present and render music during the evening

First Baptist Church.

A children's entertainment will be held at the First Baptist church this evening. Music will be given by the church choir composed of Mrs. F. P Howard, Miss Howard, A. Lindamood and Harry Kepler, and a special quartet composed of Al Bower, O. Kaylor, Miss Sallie Scruggs and Miss Mollie Drobisch. A number of recitations were given by the Sunday school children. The church was prettily decorated with flowers and Christmas greens and after the program gifts were distributed among the little ones. The committee who had in charge the exercises was composed of C. C. Curtis, chairman, Mrs. E. A. Gastman, Miss Ardie Wood, Miss Ethel Dimock, Misses Mollie and Sophie Drobish, Miss Sallie Scruggs and Miss Neta Clark.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The members of the Sunday school of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will have a pleasant time this evening. An entertainment has been arranged for them and will be given in the W. C. T. U. rooms in the library block. There will be songs and recitations by the children and the usual gifts and candy will be presented.

At the Tabernacle.

The members of the Sunday school of the Christian tabernacle will present a cantata entitled "The Crowning of Christmas," in which many of the children will take part. At the close of the entertainment presents will be distributed.

German Methodist Church.

The entertainment for the children at the German Methodist church will take place this evening and will consist of ducts, songs and recitations by the schools of the Sunday schools. There will be a Christmas tree and a treat has been prepared for those who attend.

St. John's Church.

The children's exercises at St. John's church were held last evening. The Sunday school pupils met in the main church and sang songs and gave recitations. At the close of the program they all marched into the chapel where a treat had been prepared for them. Instead of a Christmas tree there was a Jacob's ladder. It was lighted with candles and on it were dolls to represent angels ascending and descending. Rev. Atkin told the story of Jacob and his ladder and then presents were given to the children

FEED THE POOR.

Hundreds of Hungry Children Are Made Happy by the Free Dinner Which Was Served To-Day by the Salvation Army.

About noon today the Salvation Army hall was filled with about as many happy children as could be found in any part of the city. The good hearted members of the army had prepared a big dinner for the poor children who would have nothing in their own homes. The dinner began at 11 o'clock and will last until every child has been fed. Preparations were made to feed 400 persons. The dinner has been advertised in the newspapers and the lieutenant of the army has been visiting the poor families of the city for the past week informing them of the event so that none need go without a Christmas dinner if they wanted it. The members of the army did all the hard work and much of the food was donated by the churches, Sunday schools and individuals. At 11 o'clock the children began to flock to the army hall on Merchant street. They were all seated at long tables and the boys and girls were given all they could eat. There was an abundance of turkey and chicken, potatoes and other vegetables, meats, bread and butter, pie and cake and in fact everything that makes the dinner complete. The little ones enjoyed the dinner exceedingly and it made happy many who would otherwise have had no Christmas at all.

AT THE ST. NICHOLAS.

Many Persons Take Their Christmas Dinner at the Hotel and Enjoy a Splendid Repast.

Many of the city people took their Christmas dinner at the St. Nicholas. The proprietor, Mr. Laux, had prepared an especially fine repast as can be seen by the menu which was as follows:

Blue Points.
Celery. Lettuce. Olives.
Mulligatawney.
Roast Red Snapper, Maitre d'Hotel.
Pommes Parisienne.
Calves Sweet Breads a la Pompadour
Apricot Souffle.
Salad a la Italienne.
Prime Roast of Beef au Jus.
Turkey, Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce.
Punch au Kirsch.
Saddle of Venison, Currant Jelly.
Mashed Potatoes. Brown Sweet Potatoes.
Asparagus, Butter Sauce.
Sweet Peas. Stewed Tomatoes,
Cold Slaw.
Pumpkin Pie. Mince Pie.
Steamed Fruit Pudding, Rum Sauce.
Edam Cheese. Saratoga Wafers.
Oranges. Bananas. Grapes.
Mixed Nuts. Layer Raisins.
Coffee.

The Turners' Christmas.

An entertainment will be given next Sunday evening at the Turner hall for the children of the members of the society. There will be a musical program in which the young people will take part and the latter part of the evening will be devoted to a ball and supper. There will be a big Christmas tree and presents for all.

Oyster Supper To-Night.

The members of the Wheelmen's club will give an oyster supper this evening to their friends in their new rooms in the Syndicate block. They gave a similar entertainment a few weeks ago as it was such a success that they decided to repeat it There will be special music and a fine time for those who attend.

At the Kindergarten

The children at Mrs. Ackerman's kindergarten gave a Christmas tree last evening and invited their parents. The children had been arranging for some time for the entertainment and it was an enjoyable evening for them. The following is the program which was rendered.

The kindergarten prayer.
A greeting to the sunshine.
Greeting to each other.
Finger song.
"We Send Merry Christmas Through the Air"—School.
"'Twas God, the Father, Taught Me How"—Marguerite Votaw.
Christmas Song—Emada Griswold.
"Waiting to Grow"—Ruth Brooks Hostetler.
"The Christmas Ship"—Kindergarten.
"Bab Fern"—Lillian Votaw.
Song—"Jacky Horner," Lyle Ward.
Recitation—"Where do the Little Violets Grow?" Emada Griswold.
Song—"Busy Santa Claus," Kindergarten.
Recitation—"A Queer Little House," May Croy.
Song—"Christmas is Coming," Kindergarten.

At the Poor Farm.

Stewart Burley made Christmas as pleasant a day as he could for the inmates of the poor farm. At noon today he gave them a fine turkey dinner with everything that goes with it. All the inmates took a holiday and no work was done on the place. Mrs. Burley provided a large amount of candy and nuts so that the inmates could have something extra.

The prisoners at the county jail also observed the day. Sheriff Nicholson saw that every prisoner in the jail had plenty of good turkey for his dinner.

At the Millikin Home.

Christmas was celebrated at the Anna B. Millikin home today and the old ladies and children who are inmates of the place are to have a pleasant day. The matron had prepared a splendid turkey dinner, much of which was donated by the patrons of the home. There were little gifts for the inmates and everything was made as pleasant as possible.

INNOCENT MAN ESCAPES.

After Nine Reprieves and One Commutation He Is Set at Liberty.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Governor Bushnell last night pardoned Isaac Smith of Pike county, who was sentenced to be hanged in 1889 for the murder of his cousin, Stephen Skidmore. Smith was nine times reprieved and his sentence finally commuted to life imprisonment. Once he was led out onto the scaffold, the officials withholding the reprieve until the last minute in the belief that he would confess. He always asserted his innocence and subsequent developments have shown he did not murder Skidmore.

For Alienating a Husband.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Mattie Burton, wife of John S. Burton, a contractor, has commenced a $10,000 damage suit against Mrs Jennie Klugel, a wealthy widow, for alienating her husband's affections. Mrs. Klugel's husband died about five years ago, and Mrs. Burton claims that shortly afterwards her husband became so infatuated with the widow that he paid her grocery, meat and dry goods bills, and even went so far as to take a mantel out of his house and place it in Mrs. Klugel's residence. A year ago Burton went to Murfreesboro, Tenn. About the same time Mrs. Klugel moved to Nashville, Tenn. Since then, Mrs. Burton alleges, she has received next to nothing in the way of support from her husband. In aid of her suit she levied an attachment on Mrs. Klugel's real estate in this city, valued at $10,000.

Streets of Olympia Paved with Gold.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 25.—The capital of this state boasts of streets of gold, but does not yet lay claim to pearly gates. For some time a gang of workmen have been at work at Olympia providing fill rock from a bluff along the river front. Rock has also been taken from this bluff for paving purposes. After several large chunks of rock had been blown out those in charge of the work discovered traces of gold deposits, and as the work progressed rich quarzt was laid bare. The city fathers became interested, and a careful assay of the quartz was ordered, and when this assay is completed it is proposed, should the expectations of the discoverers of the gold-bearing quartz be fully realized to proceed to gather up the golden pavement and turn it into gold coin of the realm.

Took a Woman Boarder's Watch.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—Governor Altgeld has issued a requisition up the governor of Ohio for the extradition of W. H. Carpenter who is under arrest at Cincinnati and is wanted in this city for larceny. Some days ago Carpenter, who is a traveling salesman, boarded at a house in Kansas City, Mo., where Miss Ella Sebring was stopping. One day she told him her watch was out of repair, and he promised to trade his watch for hers and give her $5 in cash. She agreed, and Carpenter went away with both watches. This week Miss Sebring located Carpenter in Cincinnati, and had him arrested. Deputy Sheriff Marks left for that place last night and will bring Carpenter back here for trial.

Fatally Assaulted by Burglars.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—At an early hour yesterday morning Moses Cohen and his wife, two aged people who keep a small grocery store on Eddy street, were assaulted by burlgars, and as a result Mrs Cohen may die. She was aroused by the noise of the marauders in another room and got out of bed. Just as she did so the burglars entered the bed room and one of them seized a lighted lamp and struck her with it and throw it at her husband. They then fled. Cohen was struck by the lamp, but not seriously injured, but his wife was very badly hurt. The thieves got no booty.

Boston Strike Ended.

Boston, Dec. 25.—What threatened to be a most extensive strike was averted by the action of the supreme council of motormen and conductors union when after a night session the strike was declared off at an early hour this morning. Traffic was resumed on all lines today and things are moving in the usual manner.

Convicts Want to Go to War.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 25.—Hundreds of convicts in the Frankfort penitentiary have filed a petition with the governor for a pardon stating that if pardoned they would go to Cuba to fight to free the island. The governor has refused to grant the pardons.

Mark Hanna's Illness Only Temporary.

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—The illness of Mark Hanna is only temporary. He has been suffering for several days from a severe headache caused by insomnia. He expects to leave next month for a southern trip with his family.

HERDERS' WAR.

Sheep and Cattle Men in Colorado Likely to Meet in Deadly Conflict.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—Advices from Routt county indicate that a war between the cattlemen and sheepmen may break out any day. For the past few days the cattlemen, ranchmen and others interested in making a range of Routt county for the benefit of cattle have been congregating at a point on the lower Snake river. Every man is well armed and thoroughly mounted. Mess wagons accompanied many of the largest outfits and every preparation appears to have been made for a lengthy campaign. They are fully 250 men camped on Snake river at the present time. Military rule has been adopted, the men being divided into companies. It is reported also that Edwards Bros., principal sheep owners, have secured a large force of men to meet the stockmen. The trouble has been brewing for some months; and the feeling is especially high in Brown Park county where the greater porter of the sheep are now ranging. The Brown Park men say their cattle range is being utterly devastated by the sheep stockmen and they will request the sheepmen to remove their sheep across the boundary line and if they refuse they will assume the task themselves and maintain a guard to enforce the boundary.

DOUBLE MURDER.

The Result of a Dispute Over a Buffalo Robe.

Corning, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A double murder occurred at Fathbunville, fifteen miles west of this city, last night. Wm. Allen, William Herrington and Cloyd Myers quarrelled about the possession of a buffalo robe which Myers had at home. Allen and Herrington drove there and were met by Myers with a shot gun. When they demanded the robe Myers shot both. Herrington was in the buggy at the time and the horse started at the report of the gun. The bodies of both men are terribly torn. Myers was captured early this morning and is now in jail.

New York Factory Burned.

New York, Dec. 25.—Fire in the seven-story building in East 42d street this morning caused damage of $150,000. The fire started in the Snuff factory of Adolph Tinner on the second floor and spread rapidly to the remainder of the building which was used by B. F. Caldenberg, as a meerschaum pipe factory. Four alarms were sent out in quick succession but a large force of men who responded were powerless to check the progress of the flames, which burst from the rear windows of the factory building and licked the walls of the New York Polyclinic on 44th street. In the Polyclinic were many patients. Great excitement prevailed among them but through the efforts of the police and firemen they were all gotten out in safety. The west wall of the burning building fell with a crash on the adjoining building occupied as an apartment house. The occupants had had time to escape and no one was injured. The factory building is almost totally destroyed.

By His Burglar Trap

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 25.—J. W. Clark, a grocer, was accidentally shot in his store yesterday morning by a gun that he had fixed for burglars. In the past few months his place has been robbed several times, and he set a trap for the thieves. A Winchester was fastened to the trigger. When Mr Clark opened the store this morning he forgot all about the trap and ran against the string, when the gun was discharged and the entire load of shot lodged in his right side and hip. His condition is critical.

Christiansen Convicted of Wife Murder.

Clarke, S. D., Dec 25.—Christian Christiansen was convicted of wife murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. It was supposed the wife committed suicide, as she was found hanging to a tree. But circumstantial evidence went to show that Christensen hung her to the tree from a wagon and drove out from under her leaving her there.

Fire at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 25.—Fire totally destroyed the St. Stephens Episcopal church, one of the largest edifices in the city early this morning. The Westmoreland club adjoining, was gutted; loss $200,000; origin of the fire is unknown.

Train Jumps the Track.

Martins Ferry, Ohio, Dec. 25.—An engine on the Wheeling and Lake Erie jumped the track near Warrentown last night and was demolished. Engineer Jesse Houghton was killed and Fireman Haines probably fatally injured.

Queen Lil Did Not See Cleveland.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Queen Liliuokalani, who arrived here early this morning, departed after a short rest for Boston. The queen did not leave the car while here.

Travis Phillips, ex-mayor of Aurora, who died last week, has left the city of Aurora $20,000 for the purchase of a public park. The city hospital gets $1000.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

A Prisoner in the Kansas Penitentiary Receives the Gift of a Pardon.

HIS CRIME WAS WIFE MURDER.

The Governor of Kansas Issues One Pardon Each Christmas and This Year Hugh O'Neil is the Fortunate Prisoner.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 25.—Hugh O'Neil, the Marion county wife murderer, who is serving a twenty-five-year sentence in the penitentiary, received his liberty today as a Christmas present.

It is the practice of the governor of the state grant one pardon each Christmas, and this year O'Neil is the lucky one. The pardon was received by Warden Lynch and O'Neil was sent home. There is one condition attached to his pardon, and that is that if O'Neil again indulges the liquor habit, which got him into trouble in the first place, he will be sent back to prison to serve out his unexpired term.

In 1891 O'Neil was convicted of the murder of his wife. Both he and his wife were addicted to drink and frequently engaged in bitter quarrels. Mrs. O'Neil was found dead in her house, with her skull fractured and her body badly bruised. The same day O'Neil boarded a train for Florence and on the following day he was arrested at Cottonwood Falls. When tried for murder he insisted that he knew absolutely nothing of the manner of his wife's death. His defense, however, was on the ground of alcoholic insanity.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

All the Children of the President and Cabinet Officers Have a Pleasant Time.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas celebrated today in a joyous and homelike fashion at the White House. Children not only of the president, but of the entire cabinet circle, held high carnival in the White House library. Until late in the night many willing hands had worked under Mrs. Cleveland's direction in beautifying the Christmas tree which was so large it almost filled the entire room. After breakfast the visitors began to arrive and the day's enjoyment fairly began. There were presents for each of the little ones from Mr. Cleveland and in return most of the visitors brought pretty tokens of remembrance for the Cleveland children. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland exchanged presents as has been the practice ever since their marriage, and all employes of the White House received some appropriate and useful token.

Christmas at Elwin.

Thursday night the M. E. church was packed to see the beautiful Christmas tree arranged for the children of the Sabbath school and friends. It was elaborately ornamented and heavy with all manner of presents. After suitable literary exercises the presents were distributed to the delightful children. Roosting high in the tree was a fine yellow legged chicken dressed for the pastor, Rev. Danely. Though it was boxed and wrapped well the pastor's instincts detected by the scent the contents and bore the box home to feast on the same Christmas day.

Tried to Kill His Wife and Killed Himself

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—Last night John Kinkennon attempted to murder his wife, Stella, from whom he is divorced. The husband threatened several times to take his wife's life Last night he met her in company with her son and another woman in the street and shot her in the forehead and sent a bullet through his own brain. The woman is not seriously wounded. The streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers and the affair created a great sensation.

Bringing the Sultan to Terms.

Constantinople, Dec. 25.—When French and Italian ambassadors protested to the sultan against Mazhar Bey, who held responsible for the Salvator murder, being included in general amnesty, they requested their respective governments to send fleets to Alexandria. This step is taken the view of a possible miscarriage of justice which France and Italy is, resolved at all hazards shall not happen. All the ambassadors have refused the porte's request that all foreign vessels be searched for arms.

Bryan Dissatisfied.

Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—Bryan stopped here an hour this morning, while saying his lecture was a success. It is understood he does not look with favor on a lecture engagement, and may ask to be relieved. He remarked to a close friend he had made a mistake in undertaking to deliver a series of non-partisan lectures.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1896.

The next senator from Delaware will be a gold Democrat. This is better than Addicks.

The total vote cast for president in 1840 was 2,410,778. In the recent election over 13,000,000 votes were cast.

The genus homo named Stocking who was hung in Idaho for stealing horses will have no free silver in in it on Christmas morning.

Dr. Miller of hernia fame seems to have been wonderfully successful in producing a clear case of strangulated hernia in that Denver bank.

General Weyler could perhaps restore the sovereignty of Spain in Pinar del Rio if he had a flying machine capable of carrying him over that awful trocha.

Governor-elect Tanner proposes to put his house in order by marrying a wife before he undertakes the task of selecting his appointees from the army of applicants

It is reported that a movement is on foot in Missouri to defeat Senator Vest's re-election to the senate. If this be true and is successful the country ought to feel grateful.

The time will come in this republic, when it will have a general national election law, applicable to all the states, and the quicker it comes the better it will be for the country.

When General Buckner was in Boston recently he visited Ft. Warren and sat in the same apartment where he was a prisoner of war after the surrender at Donelson.

It would probably be as interesting to hear Bryan lecture on old flint locks as on old landmarks as very little change would be necessary in the text of his discourse.

W. A. Hammond, who seems to be responsible for the misfortunes of the National bank of Illinois distinguished himself in the recent campaign by advocating the free coinage of silver and the election of Bryan.

Three thousand Georgians went to hear William J. Bryan lecture on old landmarks. It is not stated whether Bryan clamored for a return to the condition before the "wah," which was a period when he was not on earth to meddle with the affairs of state.

A man in Kansas claims to have a lock of hair cut from Napoleon's head after his death at St. Helena. There are several other men in Kansas who after a while will not be satisfied with anything less than the entire scalp of W. J. Bryan, the latest Napoleon of finance.

A good deal is being said about Dr. Thomas Powell of Missouri, who subjects himself to inoculation with all sorts of bacilli known to science without contracting disease. This is not so strange when we realize that an Indian tobacco sign would be equally secure.

Bradley T. Johnson in a speech in Baltimore says he could whip the entire Spanish army in Cuba with a good regiment of United States troops. He has had experience as a confederate officer, has been in Cuba and ought to know what he is talking about.

Secretary Olney professes superior information as to the conditions in Cuba and yet will all his knowledge it seems to be necessary for others to call his attention to cases wherein the Spaniards are about to execute American citizens without trial. This looks as if the secretary might with profit turn his attention from his efforts to maintain the power and dignity of Spain to maintaining the dignity of his own country.

Carlisle vs. Carlisle.

The deficiency for the current fiscal year is $64,500,000, and the estimated shortage for next year, exclusive of the sinking fund, is $4,718,971. The total for three years is $137,811,738. And yet in the face of this the secretary sustains the view taken by President Cleveland, and says that "no revenue legislation is immediately necessary." He bases this extraordinary opinion on the fact that of the $293 481,000 received from the sale of the bonds since March 4, 1893, there is left in the treasury about $125,000,000 above the gold reserve. The secretary has the candor, which the president lacked, to admit that this remainder "was procured by the issue of bonds for a purpose other than ordinary expenses." He does not call it "a surplus fortunately in the treasury." He confesses that the government is and for thre years has been living on money borrowed for redemption purposes. And yet he advises that the remnant be spent, ignoring the probability that an exhaustion of the treasury balance would lead to another raid on the gold reserve and create the necessity for another bond issue. All that the secretary says as to the need of retrenchment and rest is true. But in yielding to the president's obstinately held opinion that the government does not need more income he is altogether wrong.

Eckels Hits Hard.

The Washington Times, a paper recently purchased by Stilson Hutchins, the leading free silver man of the district, has an editorial on Mr. Eckels representing that gentleman as soliloquizing over the Chicago bank failures, and marveling about the bad free coinage people of that city in dragging one of its leading banks into bankruptcy. He is pictured as being horrified at the part Governor Altgeld and other "anarchists" took in the affair, and tells how sad he is over this latest development of free silver wickedness. The comptroller was joked about this considerably, particularly by the Bryan contingent. He turned the tables on some of his tormentors by reminding them that Mr. Hammond, the active manager of the failed bank, was one of the very few men prominently connected with the financial institutions of Chicago conspicuously identified with the free coinage movement in the last campaign. He also mentions that Mr. Dreyer, whose firm had $500,000 of the bank's money, and Carl Moll, cashier of the defunct institution, enjoyed the personal friendship of Governor Altgeld and were his appointees on park boards and were given the direction of public funds. The editorial was not such a joke after that.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address
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Sold by all Druggists. 75c.
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Col. James M. Rice of Peoria, is an applicant for the position of assistant secretary of war under the incoming administration. The colonel is one of the best posted military authorities in the country and has written extensively on military affairs.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Kruno.

The Christian denomination of Kankakee incorporated the Central Christian church of Kankakee. Pastor Seyster has been raising money for some time for the purchasing of a lot on which to build as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like actions will surprise you. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Joseph Warner, a locomotive engineer running between Havana and Jacksonville, jumped from his engine in a wreck and alighted on a pick handle stuck in the ground. He will probably die from his injuries.

A camp of Sons of Veterans is to be established at Chebanse.

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DYSPEPSIA, CHRONIC DIARRHEA.

MISS GIBSON.

MISS SARAH GIBSON, of *Saco, Bradford Co., Penn.*, writes: "I cannot speak too highly of your Family Medicines. For years I suffered with stomach trouble; it became so very bad I could not eat the slightest food without terrible distress.

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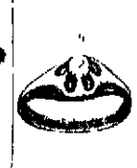

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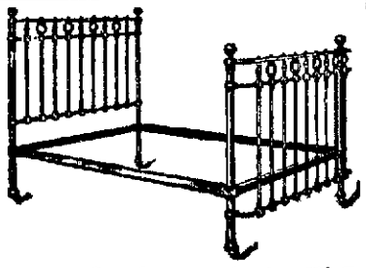

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Fine cigars for the holidays, $1 per box at West's drug store.

Felt boots and overs at Waggoner & Co.'s for $1.90.

Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Irwin's Harmless headache powders are guaranteed to cure any headache.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for $1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning

Cigars by the box for Christmas and New Years at West's drug store.

The "bub-fin yacht," a peculiar kind of ice boat, has been barred from contests in racing. Peoria is after the championship and was depending on a "bub fin."

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it alway cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Tickets for the lady minstrel entertainment, Dec 28, at the Grand are now on sale at Abbott & Co.'s jewelry store. Sale of reserved seats will begin at the opera house box office Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. General admission 50 cents, reserved seats 75 cents; gallery 25 cents. —24-d2t

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

James N. Neer, a farmer formerly residing in the vicinity of Buckingham, who removed to Aberdeen, S. D., a few years ago, has been elected Populist member of the state legislature of South Dakota.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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Our line of dolls is the talk of the town. You can buy them from 1c to $5. No such value shown anywhere as we give you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

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Sweet cider made of sound apples for sale, will deliver on short notice. E. W. Allen, Harristown, Ill.—21-d6 *

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Your Christmas dinner will not be complete without a glass of our Pilsner. It is guaranteed pure and wholesome. We deliver to private families. Telephone 84. Decatur Brewing Company.—23-d3t

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Lamps.

We have everything in lamps that anyone may wish. Both with silk shades and decorated globes The prices are right on them. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

While Mrs C. D. Clark, a daughter of the late Joel Blakesley of Peoria, was fixing a furnace there was an explosion of gas, a sheet of flames poured into her face, badly burning it and singeing her hair.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. At West's drug store.

SHERIDAN'S SCOUTS.

They Capture Maj. Harry Gilmore But the Confederates Go Them One Better.

(Written for the Republican.)

As stated in a former article, General Sheridan, when he took command in the Shenandoah Valley forces, organized a band of scouts from the soldiers in his command. The chief was Colonel Young who was chosen from the First Rhode Island Infantry to have charge of the scouts. These scouts were paid according to the value of the information they secured and the work they accomplished. They went into the enemies' lines attired in confederate uniforms.

In the winter of 1864-5 some of Young's men were operating in the neighborhood of Harrisonburg where they learned that Major Harry Gilmore, a bright and troublesome confederate, who joined the confederates from the state of Maryland and who exerted a great influence among the young men of that state through which he was continually bringing many of them into the confederate service, was about to leave that region for Moorefield, West Virginia, on a recruiting venture. The scouts learned that this was to be done under the guise of holding a camp meeting in that village in the mountains. When this was reported to General Sheridan he called Colonel Young and between them it was arranged to attempt the capture of Gilmore. Two of the scouts were sent to Moorefield to get the lay of the land and returning they reported that Major Gilmore was quartered at a private house some four miles out of Moorfield and that young Marylanders were coming in every day and enlisting in the confederate service.

Col Young undertook the task of making the capture him self. With ten or a dozen of his men dressed in confederate grey he started for Moorefield about ninety miles southwest of Winchester Capt. Whitaker, with about 300 federal troops followed Young and his men. Young, as he pased along, gave out the word among the citizens that his company were Marylanders going to join Gilmore and that they were hard pressed by federal troops who were following them. Whitaker as he advanced cautiously inquired if a body of confederates had lately passed. In this way Young and his men reached the vicinity of Moorefield late in the night of Feb 5, and having found the house where Gilmore slept Young, providing against alarm, went to the major's room. There he was soundly sleeping, with two heavy revolvers lying on a chair, by the bed unsuspicious that any Yankee soldier was nearer than ninety miles of him. He was so sound asleep that Young had to shake him to wake him up He was angry at the disturbance and began to berate him, but on opening his eyes saw Young standing over him with a revolver ready for business and was informed that he was a prisoner. There was no escape for him. All he could do was to yield to the inevitable. At the proper time Whitaker surrounded the house with his men and Gilmore was carried away to Sheridan's headquarters at Winchester and from thence was sent to Ft. Warren. This was considered, in the army, a good job and there was great rejoicing among Sheridan's troopers when the news spread.

The confederates of course did not relish it but they proceeded at once to organize and carry out a scheme that beat it. General Crook and Kelly at this time had their headquarters in a hotel at Cumberland, Md. That city had been in possession of the federals for a long time and only a small detachment of cavalry was in the neighborhood to secure the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. There being no apparent danger of an attack the guard was very weak at the headquarters of the two generals as well as about the city. The confederates took advantage of this and one night, two weeks after the capture of Gilmore, eight or ten confederate troopers, under Jesse McNeil, rode into Cumberland, captured and gagged the sentinel at the hotel and prevented any alarm Having done this they went into the respective apartments of the two federal generals, captured them both and carried them away. Soon after they left the alarm was given, and a detachment of cavalry undertook to come up with them but failed. It was on this involuntary and rough trip that General Crook though a captive, met the girl he married after the war, and who is now his widow. She was a Miss Cook, a sister of one of his captors, and the daughter of a hotel keeper where the party stopped to refresh their prisoners, who had become very tired riding bareback on horses behind their escorts Several of the men engaged in this bold and brilliant affair were, some years ago, residents of Mansfield, Platt county, Illinois, having made that their home after the war. One of them named Cunningham, often visited General Kelly at his home in Parkersburg after the war Cunningham carried Kelly on his horse in the affair and after the war they met on a train on the Baltimore & Ohio, by accident, and became warm personal friends.

The capture of Crook and Kelly for Gilmore was reprisal filled up shaken down and running over and made the federals laugh from the other side of their mouths.

New Telephone Line.

Representatives of the Interstate telephone were at Bement the first of the week arranging to enter Bement with their lines. This company will connect with all of the towns in the central part of the state. They expect to have the line from Tolono to Decatur in operation within a month.

Didn't Forget the Sheriff.

Sheriff Nicholson received a very substantial present yesterday evening from one of his old friends, Squire Knapp of Niantic. It was a big Christmas turkey which the squire sent the sheriff for his dinner today.

A Plucky Girl.

Miss Sarah F. Carrier of Atlanta, has lately fallen heir to $8,000 by the death of Elmer Gaston of that place. He recently passed away of consumption, and having no near relatives decided to remember in a handsome manner, Miss Carrier. It is stated that Mr. Gaston was a former lover of the lucky young lady, but the path of love did not run as smoothly as he would have wished, and they did not wed.

Business Failure.

Charles C. Matheny, retail grocer on North Jasper street, has gone out of business. He has selected J. W. Race as assignee, and on Saturday will file a statement of assets and liabilities in the county court. Mr. Matheny dates his financial troubles back to the time of the Wabash railway strike at which period many of the railway men were indebted to him, and being thrown out of work they failed to pay him what stood against them

Natural Gas at Tolono.

The people of Tolono are again agitated on the subject of natural gas. For many years there have been occasional manifestations of the presence of an underlying vein of gas, and three wells have been in use for several years, each of which furnishes gas sufficient to supply its owner with all that is needed for fuel and lighting purposes. These wells were all struck accidentally while boring for water and no one thought the magnitude and force of the supply sufficient to justify the sinking of a gas well until a few weeks ago when O. E Culbertson concluded to prospect. Saturday at a depth of 104 feet an excellent vein of gas was struck. When ignited it throws up a column of forty-five feet above the top of the casing, and will burn in that way for an hour at a time. Several local capitalists contemplate sinking gas wells at once.

Magniscope With the Flints.

To be a successful hypnotist requires that subtle power of perception akin to intuition possessed by all who make superior subjects. Hence the wondrous success of the Flints, each of whom are unusually sensitive to hpynotic suggestion and especially is this true of little Miss Flint, who in some lines of work is superior even to her father, the greater delicacy of the feminine temperament accounting for this This condition of affairs also explodes the old fashioned doctrine of hypnotism being a contest of the will. The experiments of the Flints and Ada St Claire, the only hypnotic soloist, at the grand opera house this afternoon and tonight, clearly demonstrate that susceptibility to suggestion depends upon the imagination of the subject and not the will of the operator. In conjunction with this great attraction will be seen the wonderful magniscope, the marvel of the age

January Petit Jurors.

The following gentlemen have been drawn to serve as petit jurymen in the circuit court beginning on Monday, January 11:

First Week.

Decatur—W. E. Mann, D. B. Culp, H. H. Wise, J. F. Buler, J. R Scott, J. W. Cook, Gus Labhart, S. L. Hill, S A Moran, Samuel Partsh, E. S. Johnson George W. Berry, John H. Kaufman, M. H. Whitehurst.

Austin—Cyrus Blue.

Blue Mound—Joseph Buck.

Friends Creek—Charles Boll, T. J. Costello, O G Reed, Charles Taylor.

Hickory——Henry Reeser, P. B Vance, E. J Crawford

Illini—Martin Albert.

Long Creek—John Sheets.

Macon—Albert McDaniel, James Dunn.

Oakley—Ed Baker, S H. Quigley.

Pleasant View—Francis Knapp and Chris Zigler.

Wheatland—Dan Hall.

Second Week

Decatur—John Goding, George Russell, Dan Moore, W. C. Smick, M S Judy, B. F. Wilson, George A. Melhorn, J. Herman, John Freeman, D J. Hallack, D. M. Martin, Harry Humphrey, J. S. Thayer, Lewis White, R. M. Payne, C. E Hunsley, C S Jones, John Priest.

Austin—L E Daiva.

Blue Mound—Charles Musch.

Harristown -C E Tandy.

Hickory Point—Charles Hays, A. J. Dillinger, Charles Lehew.

Mt. Zion—John B. Hopkins.

Maroa—S. W. Frey, E. N. Carter.

South Macon—Melvin Davis, William Bradley, Jr., William Landram.

Niantic—F. J. Roberts, R. A. Beck.

Pleasant View—E L. Sage, G. M. Boggess.

Sales of Real Estate.

James J. Finn to John I. Veech et al, 10 acres in the form of a square in 8, 16, 3 east master's deed. $210.

Charles A. Hall to Robert Moore, three acres off the east side of lot 4, except 50 feet off the east side of same lot in Nottleman's sub-division of part of 11, 16, 1 west, $4360

Eli Houser to Charles Lewis, tract in 33, 17, 2 east, $175.

Mary M. Carmean et al to Margaret J. Sanders, 35 acres in 33, 16, 3 east, $1.

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Buys a one-dollar largest size wooden street car this week at our store.

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GIVES SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

Blue Grass Colonel Floors a Scoffer at the Mineral Greatness of Kentucky.

New York Sun: The colonel from the Blue Grass who has been about New York since the election of McKinley trying to get people interested below the surface of the state was tooting his trumpet in the office of the Fifth avenue hotel a few evenings ago.

"Aw, colonel, come down a peg or two, wont you?" exclaimed a scoffer. "I'm perfectly willing to grant that what you say is true for the figures are practically official; but, granting that, there isn't enough coal there, for instance, to make it worth while to spend money in building roads to get it out. Railroads can't run on wind, and when the coal is all mined what will the railroads do then, poor things?" and the scoffer gave the colonel the haw-haw.

Others joined with the scoffer, and the colonel grew hot in the linen about his neck.

'Let me call your attention to a few figures," he said, taking a book out of his pocket. "I have made these up from the figures which our friend here says he is willing to admit are true. I won't say a word in this argument for anything in eastern Kentucky except the cannel coal which is there. There is, according to these estimates, a cannel coal area of 4000 square miles, which is under rather than over. On much of this there are two and three veins, running from twenty four to sixty inches. But let us be modest and cut it down to an average of thirty six inches. Now, the standard of measure calls for 180 tons of coal per inch per acre. Thirty-six inches at this rate means 4680 tons per acre. There are 640 acres to every square mile and there are 4000 square miles, or 2,560,000 acres. Multiplying this by 4,680, the number of tons per acre, we have an aggregate of 11,980,800,000 tons."

The scoffer began to show wrinkles in his brow.

"This," continued the colonel, without a praticle of Colonel Sellers in his tone, "losses only 5 per cent in mining, so we have for shipment 11,421,760,000 tons. Counting twenty tons to the carload this coal would require 571,088,000 cars, which, if sent out from the mines at the rate of 1,000 cars per day—that is, twenty trains of fifty cars each—would require 1564 years and six months, a period of time quite long enough, I think, for any reasonable man to expect an investment to last.

"Of course," continued the colonel, "these figures apply only to cannel coal. The bituminous area is twice as large, not to mention fire clay, petroleum, timber, iron—"

"For the Lord's sake, colonel," gasped the scoffer, "stop. How much money did you say you wanted us New York people to put up?" and the colonel told him as promptly as he had given him the cannel coal figures.

MACEO'S DEATH NOT CONFIRMED

His Wife Cables That She Has Not Been Informed of It.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—"I have not received any confirmation of the death of my husband, reported by the Spaniards Mrs. Maceo."

Antonio Maceo was tenderly devoted to his wife, and his officers and followers were instructed to notify her promptly if anything happened to him It is remarkable that she has not received any confirmation of his death from his followers.

Gerardo Fernandez, an officer on the staff of Maceo writes from the Cuban camp to a member of his family in this city the following lines:

"Maceo has not died, though it is a wonder that a man can escape from such wounds as he has"

China.

There are so many beutiful things in our store this year that it is impossible for us to give you any idea what beautiful things are produced in this line If you will give our stock an inspection you will no doubt find just what you want for a Christmas present.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Married.

At his office by Justice Shorb, Dec 24, Ulysses G Shuler of Oreana, and Mrs. Susan E. Lehman of Macon.

Girls' Books

By Carey Meade, Young and other best writers; regular $1 books for 50c at Saxton's Book Store.

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High grade cigars $1 per box, for presents at West's drug store.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

C. P. Thatcher is confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Mary Goodman is seriously ill at her home on North Edward stre t.

Wil Quinlan of Chicago, is in the city to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Quinlan.

Mrs. Dr. L. P. Walbridge of St. Louis, is in the city v.siting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faries, during the holidays.

Dr. Chauncey Sherrick of Monmouth, arrived in the city last night to visit his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Sherrick on North Edward street.

Edwin Dinges, who attends the medical department of the Northwestern University, is home to spend the Christmas va ation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dinges.

Manning Dies from His Wound.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Joseph Manning, an ex base ball player, who was shot by David Force, also a professional ball player, died yesterday. The police are looking for Force. Force played in the big leagues of the east, and at various times was a star of the St. Louis Browns, the Cincinnatis and Bostons. He was a high-salaried man. His forte was as short stop, though he filled almost any position on the diamond. He dropped out of the base ball world many years ago.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Philip Sconce, a farmer, died at Danville from paralysis. He was 61 years old and had lived in Vermillion county all his life.

Soothing and not irritating, strengthening and not weakening, small but effective such are the qualities of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

It is about resolved that the old Peoria house in Peoria must be torn down. Its walls were damaged so by fire and water, recently that they are unsafe. It is owned by Mrs. J. C. Barnard.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on the Neisler Drug and Supply Co or N. L. Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar which always gives relief.

The Elks of Danville will be established in their handsome new rooms in the Martin block by Jan. 1. They are about to give a minstrel show.

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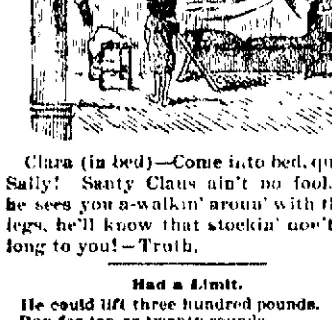
CHRISTMAS EVE WARNING.



Clara (in bed)—Come into bed, quick, Sally! Santy Claus ain't no fool. If he sees you a-walkin' aroun' with them legs, he'll know that stockin' don't belong to you!—Truth.

Had a Limit.

He could lift three hundred pounds.
Box for ten or twenty rounds
He could sprint a wondrous distance without stopping;
But his triumphs found a check:
He came out a total wreck
When he finished up a tour of Christmas shopping
—Washington Star.

The Man for the Hour.

"The loveliest fellow is going to visit me this Christmas. He's absolutely color blind."

"Is that why he is so lovely?"

"To be sure. Just think of it, he cannot tell the difference between holly and mistletoe berries and—and the house is full of holly."—Truth.

The Best He Could Promise.

"Papa," said Benny Bloobumper, "I want a big bass drum for Christmas."

"I'm afraid you can't have that," returned Mr. Bloobumper, "but you may have a big turkey drumstick."—Detroit Free Press.

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WHY THEY LAUGHED.

How Mrs. Busybee Astonished Her Large Circle of Friends.

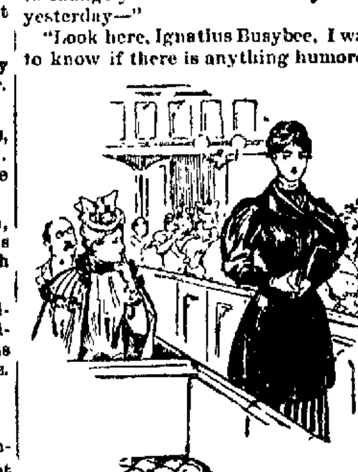
It was past noon on Christmas day, and Mr. Busybee had just consulted his watch for the fifteenth time in an hour, wondering how he was to get through the day without one peep at the office.

His thoughts were suddenly interrupted by the appearance of his wife, who dashed into the room, seated herself violently upon a chair and burst into tears.

"I d-do believe the people of th-this town are the most ill-bred specimens of hu-humanity on the face of the globe!" she sobbed.

"But, my love, what has caused you to change your mind so suddenly? Only yesterday—"

"Look here, Ignatius Busybee, I want to know if there is anything humorous



NO WONDER THEY LAUGHED.

in the fact that you gave me a sealskin sacque for my Christmas present?"

"Nothing humorous at all, my dear On the contrary—"

"Then is there anything very peculiar, the thermometer being near zero, in my wearing the sacque to church today?"

"Why, dear, the peculiar fact would have been your not wearing it to church to day!"

"Very well, then, will you explain the behavior of people to-day! The conductor laughed in my face as he took my fare, a woman whom I never saw before wanted to talk to me in the car and, as I walked up the church aisle, everybody was in a broad grin!"

"Perhaps they were pleased to see you in a sealskin."

"Yes, it is so likely that Sarah Snaggs would be pleased at that, and y—yet she was one of the worst ones! And here I—I thought I'd be perfectly happy if I only had a sealskin!"

"I, too, had hoped to be happier, then, my love!"

"All through service it was the same! My head ached from the cold, anyhow. Why, what is the matter? You are as bad as the rest! What is wrong with my sacque?"

For Mr. Busybee had turned, looking full at her.

"It is not the fault of the sacque; that's all right. Only, in your haste to see yourself in it, you forgot to put on any bonnet!"

ELISA ARMSTRONG.

The Way with All of Us.

"Christmas comes but once a year, you know," chirruped Mrs. Lufkin.

Mr. Lufkin looked earnestly into the hollow depths of his pocketbook.

"I'm glad of that," he said, in a gloomy tone.—N. Y. Recorder.

An Afterthought.

Hereafter, if your hose you'd see
Well-filled at Christmas dawn,
Why, take this simple hint from me—
Sleep with your stocking on.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

A Christmas Fact.

The future has a golden tinge,
The past, too, may seem pleasant;
But just about the Christmas tide
There's nothing like the present
—Harlem Life.

Portrait of a Lady.

Dear Mabel's very clever;
She coaxed away my pelf,
And bought me all the gimcracks
She hankered for herself.
—Chicago Record.

AN IRRESISTIBLE APPEAL.

"I say, mister, raise yer winder a bit, won't yer, so as I kin git a smell o' de puddin' when it comes on de table."—Bay City Chat.

On Christmas Morning.

"Ouch!"

The beautiful maiden withdrew her foot hastily.

Plunging her arm into the silken depths she took from the toe of her stocking a five-pound box of candies that she had overlooked.

Need it be added that this happened in Chicago?—N. Y. Truth.

What He Put Up.

Cheekly—Did you hang up your stocking on Christmas eve?

Harduppe—No, not quite as bad as that; but I hung up my overcoat and watch.—Brooklyn Life.

Her Time of Joy.

New Boarder—Do you enjoy Christmas, ma'am?

Landlady—Very much, indeed. All my boarders get invited out to dine, you know.—Chicago Record.

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TWO CHRISTMAS EVES.

An Armenian Maiden's Escape and Its Happy Sequel.

Christmas amid the mountains of Armenia. The scene of our story is a little oriental village, in 189—, nestled amid the rugged cliffs at the head of a smiling valley. The site of the hamlet was a ravine running up the mountain side into a rocky pass, as though the great valley opening beyond had been whittled to a narrow point that it might penetrate the hills. Great precipices yawned on either side, and towering cliffs which seemed to have grown gray with age, even as the snow on the higher peaks of the mountains seemed the hoary locks of those ancients, which there had for centuries watched over the old world. Near by Mount Ararat, where rested the ark after the flood. It was here Noah tilled his vineyards and the human race be-

SHE LEAPED FROM THE PRECIPICE

gun anew after the floods subsided, for Armenia is one of the oldest lands and its people trace their lineage direct to that Biblical emigrant ship which colonized it when the world was young. From many a quaint, flat roofed dwelling arose Christmas carols to which soft voiced echoes sang responsive choruses among the cliffs and at least one church bell tried bravely, singly and alone to supply an imitation of Christmas chimes. It was a peaceful picture upon which the stars twinkled approvingly as they bespangled the slopes with frost-diamonds and coaxed countless sparkles from the pallid snow. The Armenians are a devout people, and make much of the Christmas festival. This little hamlet was in many respects not unlike Bethlehem, and near it were many shepherds who guarded their flocks by night, as did those of Judea when the angels sang of peace on earth, good will to men.

At the home of Abanazar, the headman of the village, there were quiet festivities, decorations of holly and other evergreens, songs of praise and stories which for generations had handed down cherished traditions and legends of Armenia. There were the aged grandfather and grandmother, Abanazar and his good wife, three little girls ranging from six to twelve years old, and Zillah, the 16 year old daughter with her affianced lover Akthar, the stalwart young herdsman. She was a beautiful maiden with regular features, large eyes aglow with love, the small but symmetrical form characteristic of so many women of her race. In her picturesque costume she was marvellously handsome, and her tones were as musical as the tinkle of silvery bells or the low notes of Akthar's flute, to which she sometimes sang a soft accompaniment. The picturesque scene in this home was duplicated in many others that starlit Christmas eve.

Suddenly the scene changed. The church bell rang in sharp, hurried strokes, a spirited alarm, confusion succeeded calm and there were excited exclamations as men hurrying in hot haste as a rushing flood madly down the one street shouting, "Save yourselves! Christians the Kurds are coming."

But there was no time. Close upon his tracks came hundreds of savage horsemen, turbaned and fierce, with loud Mohammedan imprecations shouted in deep voiced hate and yet which, coaxed like live coals from beneath bushing brows. In a moment pandemonium seemed to have broken loose, the guns spoke sharply, scimitars flashed in silver and turned crimson, and soon the flames from burning building cast their lurid glare over an earthly hell wherein fiends held high carnival in shedding innocent blood.

Abanazar and his family without ceremony gained the church which stood on the edge of a precipice and there made a brave stand, but it was useless. Breaches were made in the wall, the place carried by storm and hundreds slain before the altar dedicated to God and decorated with Christmas symbols in readiness for the morrow. The floor literally ran in blood, and Zillah in speechless anguish beheld the men of her family and her lover cut down and women subjected to tortures which chilled her to the soul. With other women and girls she fought heroically but finally found herself breathless and disarmed in the embrace of Eastern the hated leader of the Kurds who had often in days of peace paid her attentions as often repelled.

Suddenly she drew the steel her captor from her but plunged it with unerring aim and the strength born of desperation into the assailant's heart, and she sank to the floor. He bounded to his feet, [illegible] in the [illegible] stood [illegible] side [illegible] stones [illegible] the horrible [illegible] was a flash [illegible] and [illegible] which [illegible] of the [illegible] plowed [illegible] of [illegible] could be seen among the flying fragments, and with them scores of live Kurds struggling as they arose, scorched and blackened, toward the sky. The fragments, human and otherwise, came down again and darkness succeeded. The surviving Kurds butchered all who survived, of the villagers, except the women they bore off as captives, but at the foot of the cliff they found but the mangled remains of scores of brave women who had preferred death to slow torture and devilish indignities.

An hour later all was strangely still, burning ruins smoldering with the dull glow of expiring embers marked the graves of hundreds, and the spot on which but a short time before smiled happiness and home. But beautiful Zillah was not dead. She had fallen on the soft bodies of the slain, had much to her surprise found herself but little hurt, and had crawled off into the narrow wooded paths which threaded the mountain fastnesses near, all familiar to her. She sought refuge in a mountain shepherd's cave, who at morn visited the village in search for survivors, but found none. The fierce Kurds had made sure work of their bloody task.

A few weeks later Zillah, through many hardships, found her way to the seaside, and thence to America, coming to a great western metropolis with other Armenian refugees, where she found shelter with the Armenian colony, which did what it could for these unfortunates, human remnants saved from the furnaces of affliction which consumed so many noble lives in darkened Armenia. Mourning for those she loved, almost despairing she struggled bravely with her lot, and the sweet faced girl found friends and favor among the free people who pitied her woes and appreciated her faithful work. Patiently she toiled, but her pillow was wet with the tears of sorrow and her heart bled under the stabs of piercing grief. Brave and noble girl! How many like her pieces of driftwood from the wrecks wrought by Turkish cruelty and fanaticism, have been stranded upon our kindlier shores. Zillah turned in prayer toward the God of her fathers and sought at His feet the consolation earth denied. Even prayer cannot heal a broken heart, it can but console and slightly assuage such grief as hers.

Christmas eve in the little Armenian colony occupying a corner of a foreign

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section of the great western city. The hall was decorated for the occasion with the usual evergreens, and oriental hangings served to recall in this modern land the familiar belongings of lost homes among the Armenian mountains. There was a subdued cheerfulness among the people present, a tribute to Christmas, but they could not rejoice loudly with aching voids in so many stricken hearts and the Moslems still oppressing the Christians among the far-off Armenian hills. They sang, however, Christmas carols strangely sweet which recalled pictures of unforgotten homes, and hymns in which sad minor chords seemed to vibrate with unshed tears. What wonder that real tears welled up from tortured hearts, and that they sparkled in pretty Zillah's mournful eyes? Good will to men these exiles could know and feel, but peace on earth was not for them, even at Christmas, while Turkish scimetars still flashed forth the lightnings of fanatic hates, and innocent blood reddened the soil of far Armenia. There was to be a new arrival of Armenians to-night, and they were to recite at this gathering of their compatriots the story of their adventures and their wrongs. Similar tales had been often repeated by similar refugees but the stories had a tragic interest ever new, while they recounted renewed horrors and the constantly recurring tragedies which added to the list of the lost and the grand army of sorrowing survivors. As the coming of the visitors was announced the music ceased and all arose to receive them, the hum of the great city without faintly heard in the hush of expectancy within, and the Christmas chimes from an American church near by ringing cheerily though soft and subdued through the frosty air.

The door opened and there marched in the little band who came from the valley of the shadow of death and first among them Abanazar and Akthar, the father and lover so long listed among the dead. You should have seen Zillah's beautiful face transfigured, the love-light in her large brown eyes and heard the musically glad little cry with which she sprang into their arms snuggling close at last with her plump arms about Akthar's neck and his stalwart arm encircling her shapely waist. What is ordinary Christmas happiness to such joy as hers, measureless as infinity deep as the sea? Does not love fill even the vast spaces of Heaven? And the men were as deeply moved as the maid for they had been as certain of her death as she of theirs. Precious indeed are these gifts which fate, stern and unrelenting at times, seems to snatch from the dead to reward the love of the living. Never since angels sang at Bethlehem had Christmas seemed gladder to any human soul, than was this memorable Christmas eve to the beautiful Armenian maiden. After the storm the calm. Akthar and Zillah were wed soon after, and Abanazar became an inmate of their happy home. Under the starry flag which, thank God, tolerates no religious persecution, they live in security, doing their duty as Christian citizens, loving their adopted land with passionate oriental fervor, and contributing as they can toward the needs of those still suffering in the beloved home country. They are loyal to the core, but hope the land of their adoption may do something to stay the hate which crimsoned the land of their birth. God grant that their hope be not in vain.

A simple story, the annals of lives touched with sorrows deeper than those most of us in these happier lands have known. Remembering our mercies at Christmas time, let us not forget the griefs which have burdened and oppressed such as these, but apply to them in fullest measure all that is meant by "good will to men." To quote from the good old book, which was theirs even before it became ours. "These are they who came out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of the water of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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They troop to wreck all ships
Than winds of Heaven faster—
Hold back thy frowns and whips
For these, the poor, thy brothers be—
Remember Him of Galilee!

* * *

What other power can save you
From evils trooping near?
From demons all that brave you?
His love alone they fear;
The demons all that brave you
What other is to stay?
Give as He freely gave you,
On this His natal day.
By sacrifice we come to bliss,
There is no other path but this.

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Behold the star that shineth
Forever in the east!
Behold the rose that twineth
Above the lair of beast!
Behold the rose that twineth
To bless the monarch's bower,
The same His hand designeth
To cheer the toiler's hour!
The space between the poor and great
His presence doth obliterate.

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O perfect love that chideth
The heart that harbors wrong!
O love that still abideth
To make the weakest strong!
O love that still abideth
When all else pure hath fled,
Thou art' thy strength o'er-rideth
The demons man doth dread.
'Tis thine, O silent force of love,
To make a lion of the dove

CHARLES EUGENE BANKS.

A NAMELESS GIFT.

Why Sister Mary Broke Her Engagement with the Doctor.

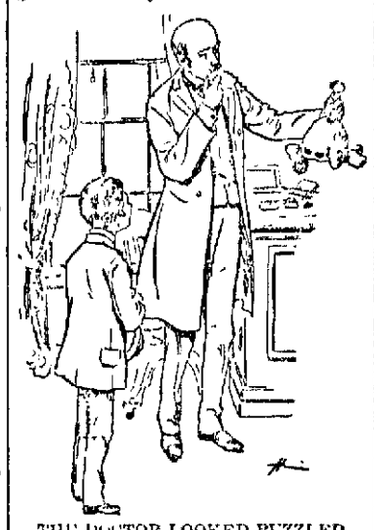
When Sister Mary began it she intended it to be a lamp mat, and the receiver was to be my Cousin Sarah.

Sister Mary is rather touchy about some things, but I never knew anything to affect her so severely as the mere mention of that lamp mat does now. In fact, I studiously refrain from all mention of it unless I particularly wish to rile her.

Cousin Sarah and Sister Mary are about the same age. I shall not mention Sister Mary's age, as she is still unmarried (having broken with the doctor that Christmas), but I think I am allowed to state that Cousin Sarah was 45 last August, for, since she is married, she is not so particular about concealing her years.

Of course Sister Mary would never have attempted making a lamp mat (for she had never crocheted one before) if Cousin Sarah had not bought the Dresden lamp, so I blame the whole trouble on the Dresden lamp.

The lamp mat began all right, with a little round flat center. Sister Mary got that finely. But as the size in-



THE DOCTOR LOOKED PUZZLED

creased the thing seemed to curl up around the edge, like the tail of a dried herring, and the larger it grew the more it curled up, until it got to be the shape of a china wash basin. I don't know what was wrong with it for I am not an expert in that line, but before the lamp mat was complete Sister Mary decided to call it a bag of some sort or other, and put ribbons on it for handles and a tassel on the bottom. You see, when a lamp mat makes up its mind to be a pudding bag you just have to let it have its own way.

So, as I said, she put long ribbons on it, pink ones, and some bows, and I took it over and gave it to the bald headed doctor, with her compliments and a "Merry Christmas."

She was engaged to him then.

That was all right, but what do you think that doctor did? Why, he sat right down and wrote her a note thanking her for her kindness in sending him such a "tasty and comfortable night cap" and assuring her that it would bring him pleasant dreams. Yes, sir! And I don't wonder Sister Mary got mad and broke the engagement.

But you can bet she hasn't tried to make any lamp mats since.

ELLIS PARKER BUTLER.

TIMELY PRECAUTION.

Tommy—Don't be afraid, doggie, I won't hurt you—I just want to tell you something—if you hear any noise to-night, just keep perfectly still, for it'll be Santa Claus, and we don't want him scared away.—St. Louis Republic.

AT A SLANG SCHOOL.

Society as It Is Likely to Be in the Days to Come.

The age of slang had come. The vocabularly of the nation was made only from the words of music hall songs and the language of the slums.

"Miss De Style," said the amiable Mrs. De Hangs, who always gave such strictly en regle teas, "permit me to present Mr. Coldslaw, the eminent literary light."

"When is a hen?" said Miss De Style, graciously.

"Just tell them that you saw me," replied Mr. Coldslaw, smiling with evident cordiality.

"Grandma's pocket handkerchief is wet with tears," murmured the radiant maiden, with a smile.

"Aber nit,'" sighed the soulful Coldslaw.

"There are others," purred the young woman.

Coldslaw smiled at this brilliant sally. She was so clever.

"Spell tin backward," he said, for he was so quick, so very sudden in repartee.

"And I was looking well," said the girl, as in mirthful abandon she touched him lightly on the arm with her bejeweled fan.

"Keep the change," he exclaimed.

"Not necessarily," laughed the girl.

"On a bicycle built for two, eh?" inquired the man, with mock seriousness.

"If you love me grin," chatted the maiden and her eyes danced with fun.

"You make me tired," he said, speaking, as it were, "right off the bat."

"Really," said the genial hostess, "two such perfectly clever persons should spend their time entertaining others less brilliantly endowed. Come with me, Mr. Coldslaw, I wish to present you to Miss Saphead, who is just dying to meet you."

"Au reservoir," said the brainy Coldslaw.

"Tanks," remarked the girl, with the true mischievous glee of a woman who, even in repartee, must have the last word.—N. Y. Herald.

Taking a Chance.

He—I can endure this no longer, my dear; you must choose between Blokey and myself.

She—You are entirely mistaken, sir. I have a list of 16 from which to choose.

"All right. Kindly let me know when the raffle comes off."—Detroit Free Press.

—When women darken their houses, and light the gas, in giving afternoon receptions, it is to disguise the fact that their carpets are badly worn.—Atchison Globe.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Joseph Hill, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Joseph Hill, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 16th day of December 1896.

GEO. S. CONNARD, Executor.

Dec 18-d&w

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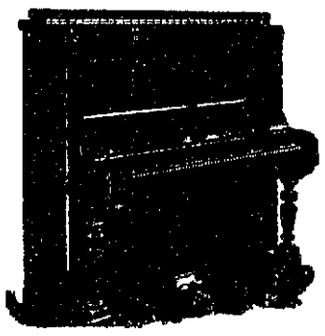

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1 peck Onions
2 dozen Pickles
1 good Broom
10 pounds Best Beans
1 pound Best Country But
4 pounds Best Pure Lard
3-pound can Table Peache
3-pound can Table Pears
3-pound can Green Gauge
3-pound can Apricots
2-pound can Sweet Corn
2-pound can Stringless Be
2-pound can Early June P
2-pound can Red Kidney
10c package Corn Starch
10c Can Lye
1 pound Broken Java Coff
1 pound good Java Coffee
1 pound Good Large Prune
15-pound Pail any kind Je
5 Pound Pail Jelly
2 gallon Pail Table Syrup
1 quart Table Syrup
1 gallon Cooking Molasses
1 peck Walnuts
Fresh Pork Steak, per lb
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts
2 pound cake Limberger Cheese
Brick Cheese, per lb
1 pound Mixed Christmas Candy

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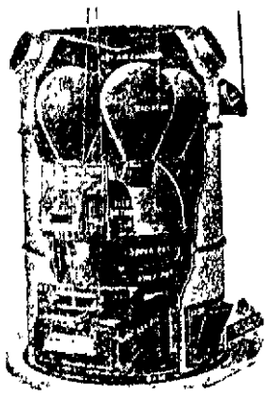

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4 pounds Best Pure Lard	25c
3-pound can Table Peaches	12c
3-pound can Table Pears	12c
3-pound can Green Gauge Plums	12c
3-pound can Apricots	12c
2-pound can Sweet Corn	6c
2-pound can Stringless Beans	5c
2-pound can Early June Peas	7c
2-pound can Red Kidney Beans	6c
10c package Corn Starch	5c
10c Can Lye	5c
1 pound Broken Java Coffee	14c
1 pound good Java Coffee	18c
1 pound Good Large Prunes	7c
15-pound Pail any kind Jelly	45c
5 Pound Pail Jelly	19c
2 gallon Pail Table Syrup	55c
1 quart Table Syrup	8c
1 gallon Cooking Molasses	25c
1 peck Walnuts	12c
Fresh Pork Steak, per lb	7c
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb	6c
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts	10c
2 pound cake Limberger Cheese	30c
Brick Cheese, per lb	13c
1 pound Mixed Christmas Candy	7c

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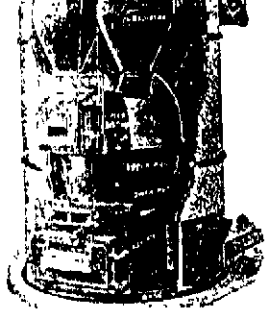

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Best Uncolored Japan	35c	6 " G. C. Soap	25c
Broken Java Coffee, lb	18c	4 " Wool Soap	25c
Golden Rio Coffee, lb	25c	6 " Tar "	25c
10c Blueing	5c	Clothespins, per doz	1c
7 lbs. Bulk Starch	25c	5 gallons Oil	45c
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12 lbs Buckwheat	30c	3 lb. bucket Cottonseed	20c

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NEW PHONE 242.

WHEN PAWPAWS ARE RIPE.

The Golden Fruit as Found in an Indiana Thicket.

An alluvial soil, coated with a deep leaf mold and somewhat silicious, is what the tree chooses to grow in; and it would be overshadowed. I find the best fruit maturing in thick woods of plane, tulip and maple on the flatlands close to brook sides. There is a damp, rich, musty smell by which, in the twilight of such a forest, you may distinguish the atmosphere dear to the pawpaw. Here the woodthrush, the muse of crepuscular groves, flutes a mellow strain at intervals, and all around chatter ground squirrels and nuthatches. On the hillsides near by the cypripedium, in its season, flaunts its rose-purple reticule. There, too, the black haw ripens its flat, shining berries of licorice candy.

Get out your bicycle for a six-mile spin into the Sugar creek hills. We will take the Ballinch road and pedal diligently toward the Llewellen neighborhood, just this side of which is a wood I wot of where clumps of Asimina triloba dance down a gentle slope bordering the brook called Indian creek, a few miles from its mouth in Sugar. And what a breeze to whirl through, and what a road of packed gravel to fly upon! Over the black fields on either hand the autumn wheat is making a thin wash of green, and the Indian corn stands in conical shocks primly ranged. Many-colored cattle wade knee deep in the third growth of clover, while flocks of sheep snip the blue grass.

Yonder is the wood. A high barbed wire fence girds it in, with not an outside gate to let us through. Well, hang up the wheels in this wayside copse and I'll show you how to beat the barbs. Take off your coat, so; hang it across the top wire beside the post and scramble over where the coat covers the points. It is a trite trick, but fairly good. Behold the sign against which we set our sinful natures: "No trespassing on this farm." It is lettered on a board conspicuously nailed to a tree. Stolen fruit may be sweet, but I suggest that we go to yon man at work beside a strawstack and negotiate with him.

Now we are light-hearted. We may take all we want and welcome. Like two schoolboys, away we scamper, and what a downfall of odorous fruit we find. Long, banana-like, brown and yellow, the heavy custard apples almost cover the ground in some places, while a few crowded clusters still hang on the boughs. First we eat our fill; then we cram our haversacks full of the choicest specimens. All the way back home we are fragrant and happy. We have realized our autumn dream.

I may be crude of taste and somewhat savage—think what you will—yet the smack of a pawpaw goes through me with a multiform thrill. It is sweet with all the sweets of past days and years and lingerings and truancies. Yesterday a strong woodcock took wing near my toes in a wild custard grove, and I had neither bow nor gun; but munching my savage fruit, I recalled in one second each oozy cripple that I ever shot over from Canada to Florida. The twang of the bow cord, the boom of the gun, the camp fires, and the savory broilings; they rushed into my brain and went tingling from heart center to outmost extremities—all on account of a pawpaw and a flushed woodcock!

There is a mingling of a hundred fine sweets and savory tangs in the juice of this rank apple, and it goes well with spitted, dark-fleshed game. What a manifold sauce it is for a luncheon on a mossy log beside a spring ahead! Three spitted doves of the latest summer hatching and an overripe pawpaw—there is a feast for the Pan of the west!

But year by year this golden ambrosial fruit is disappearing. The farmer's ax whacks down all the sturdy clumps and no man plants seeds for future orchards. From Indiana to Georgia how few of the once-flourishing pawpaw thickets are left for the poet and the virile man of the woods to lounge in while feasting on the savage rolls of custard!—N. Y. Independent.

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FOR SALE.—Six horse power Otto Gas Engine for sale cheap. FRANK H. CHISHOLM & CO., Bloomington, Ill. 21-d6

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We have some good work horses which we can sell on the installment plan, or on long time. Also two good milch cows very cheap. Apply at Dimock's Sale stable at west end of Eldorado street. April 29-dtf

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FOR RENT—Property on East Decatur street, at the rear of 463 South Water street. Apply to J. L. BULLARD on North Main street. Nov 21-dtf

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THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made, $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuracy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

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For prompt attention call on the Big 4 Baggage and Transfer Co., night or day. Claim checks given at your house, and special wagons for freight work, moving household goods, pianos, etc., at reasonable prices. Office at Hotel Brunswick. Telephone 415. C. W. LINDSEY, Prop. and Manager. Dec. 25-d1w

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make an application for the pardon of Rosa or Rosella Soots, to the Governor of Illinois, at Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, January 9, 1897, at one o'clock p m., or as soon thereafter as said petitions can be heard.

Dated Decatur, Ill., December 14, 1896.
Dec 14-d3w MARGARET JORDAN.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

On January 4th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., I will offer for sale the stock of Implements, Buggies, Pumps, two second-hand Engines, Power Corn Sheller, Office Furniture, Seed Cases, Rack, Shelving, Etc., held by me as assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Bro., at 156 South Water street, where the property is located. Sealed bids will be considered which reach me before that hour of sale. I reserve the right to reject any and all bids. This is a rare opportunity for anyone wishing to go into the implement business, and they should not let it pass. I will take pleasure in showing the stock and giving them all the information required. J. M HUGHES, Assignee of Geo. S. Durfee & Bro. Dec. 18, 1896-d10d

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, 1897

John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Malone et al.—Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that on due inquiry the residence of the following named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Sarah Bohrer cannot be found notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainants have filed their bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon is sued out of said court against each of you above named defendants returnable to the next January term 1897, on the first day thereof, to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897, Now unless you, the said Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Sarah Bohrer shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1896.
(Seal.) E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec 1-d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, Macon County.

A. T Risley vs. Perry Wandell et al. No. 16,787 Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term, 1896, of said court, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29th, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold being described as follows to wit: Beginning at the center of the southeast quarter of section No. thirty-four (34) in township No. sixteen (16) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, thence west fifteen (15) chains, thence north twelve (12) chains; thence east fifteen (15) chains thence south twelve (12) chains to the place of beginning, containing eighteen (18) acres situated in the county of Macon, in the State of Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 5th day of December, 1896. JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. E. Redmond, Sol. (Dec 7-d1d

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss

In the Circuit Court, Macon County, Illinois.

Beulah M. Seely vs. Alexander Isbogt.—No. 15,586. Bill to foreclose mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term 1896, of said court, I James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, December 29, 1896,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, described as follows, to wit: Commencing ninety-four and 58-100 feet east of the northwest corner of Lot number seven (7) in the east half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section sixteen (16), township sixteen (16) north, range two (2) east of the 3rd principal meridian, thence south to the west line of the right of way of the St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railway Company, thence northeasterly along said right of way to a point 79 feet east of the place of beginning, thence west 79 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Bunn & Park, Solicitors.—Nov. 28-d4d

NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, A. D. 1897.

Joseph McKeown vs. L. M. Neal—Distress for Rent.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of the defendant above named having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county notice is hereby given to the said L. M Neal that the said Joseph McKeown filed a copy of his certain distress warrant to distrain for rent the goods and chattels of the said L. M Neal, together with an inventory of the goods and chattels levied upon by virtue thereof in the office of the clerk of said court, on the law side thereof, and that a summons was thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, returnable on the 11th day of January, A D 1897, as is required by law.

Now, therefore, unless the said L. M. Neal shall personally be and appear before the said court of Macon county, on the first day of the term thereof, to be holden at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1897, and plead to the said plaintiff's action, finding of the court will be entered against you, and in favor of the said Joseph McKeown, and a certificate of such finding issued accordingly, and so much of the said property distrained as may be sufficient to satisfy the said finding of said court and costs, will be sold to satisfy the same. D L. FOSTER, Clerk Circuit Court.

S. A. D. Gray, Plaintiff's Attorney.
Dec 10 d3w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY. } ss

In the Circuit Court to the January Term 1897.

Ida E Armstrong vs. Isabella Disney et al.—In Chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that the defendants Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young, three of the above named defendants, are non residents of the state of Illinois. Notice is hereby given to each of you that the above named complainant has filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof and that said suit is still pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of the above named defendants returnable to the next January term of said court on the first day thereof to be held at the court house in Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1897; Now unless you the said Isabella Disney, John J. Disney and Robert Young shall each appear on the first day of said court and plead, answer or demur to the said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated at Decatur this 3d day of December, A. D. 1896. (Seal.) E. McCLELLAN, Clerk.
Dec 3-d4w

EXECTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William Florey, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of William Florey, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 8th day of December, 1896.
SHERRY A. TUTTLE, Executor.
Dec 8-w3w

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of James T. Winslow, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executrix of the estate of James T. Winslow, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1896.
FRANCES G. WINSLOW, Executrix.
Dec 17-d3w

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.

South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

GEO. P. HARDY, Justice of the Peace, 147 South Water Street. Apr 23-dtf

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. jan 24-d&wtf

B. I. STERRETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE—Over Bryan's Clothing Store Decatur

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD, HOMEOPATHIST, Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill. Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m. Telephones { Office, 272 Res., 216. | Residence 146 N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK, Room 30, Arcade Office Building. Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m. Telephone—Residence, 364; Office, 365. Residence—555 West North St.

I. D. STINE, *ARCHITECT.* Pasfield Building. Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

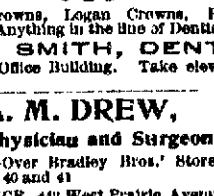
DR. M. A. MAJORS, Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free. TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., 7 p. m to 8:30 p. m. Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill.

HERMAN SPIES, Book Binder. Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 127 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in gold on books

HARRY K. MIDKIFF, Constable and Collector, 147 South Water St. Telephone—Old 326, New 78. Residence, Old 306 COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

PROFESSIONAL NURSE. REBECA HIMES. Large experience, best of references. Prices reasonable. Maternity nursing preferred. Please call or address No. 423 East Bradford street, Decatur, Ill. Nov. 21-d1mo*

TEETH WITHOUT PLATES.



Gold Crowns, Logan Crowns, Richmond Crowns. Anything in the line of Dentistry. O. U. SMITH, DENTIST. Arcade Office Building. Take elevator, 4th Floor

DR. A. M. DREW, Physician and Surgeon. OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41. RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue. Telephone—(Old), Office 555; Residence, 506. Aug. 26-dtf

R. H. OLIPHANT, No. 325 East Main Street. New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and Express Line Combined. CHAS. PERKINS. Will Cut Hair for 15c. Will Shave you for 10c. When you want a Wagon, ring up old phone 442

Executor's Notice for Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss

Estate of Frederick Ebert, Deceased.

To John H. Ebert, Elizabeth Ebert, Catherine Ebert, the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Decatur, William P. Ebert, Addie Ebert, Joseph Ebert and Clara Ebert, heirs and legatees of said estate.

You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, will present to the county court of Macon county, at the county court room at the court house in Decatur, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such executor, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application if you choose so to do.

[Signed] JACOB F. EBERT, Executor.
Bunn & Park, Attorneys.
December 22, 1896-d2w

VITALIS

VITALIS PRODUCES THE ABOVE RESULTS. It quickly and surely removes Nervousness, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Evil Dreams, Wasting diseases and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indiscretion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Failing Memory. Wards off Insanity and consumption. Cures when all others fail. Insist on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the vest pocket. By mail $1.00 per package or six for $5.00 with a guarantee to Cure or Refund the Money. Circular Free. Address CALUMET MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

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BLOOD POISON

HAVE YOU Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Aches, Old Sores, Ulcers in Mouth, Hair-Falling? Write COOK REMEDY CO., 307 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., for proofs of cures. Capital, $500,000. Worst cases cured in 15 to 35 days. 100-page book free.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Catherine McGuire, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Catherine McGuire, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1896.
THEODORE J. McGUIRE, Administrator.
Dec 15 d1w

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Fund Building Association will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 29, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock p m., at the office, 240 North Main street, for the purpose of electing two directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it

L. L. BURROWS, President.
L. E. EYMAN, Sec. and Treas.
Dec. 8-d1w

ROGERS BROS.'
Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847" Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros.'" make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. ☞PLEASE DO NOT CONFOUND IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

Is second to none in the State, and we are showing Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at

156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Snow And Ice

Will soon confront you and remind you that your Shoes or Rubbers will need to be replaced with a new pair. You can find just what you need and at the right prices at our store.

Big Stock of CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS to select from.

BUY NOW while you can get sizes.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.

We are showing a Nice Assortment of Goods SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

So nice for presents, at 5c, 8⅓c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c.
Silk Handkerchiefs at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c
Gents' Mufflers at 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50
Muffs at $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50.
Kid Gloves at 98c, $1.25, $1.50.
Wool Mitts at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Silk Mittens at 75c, $1.00; $1.25.
Towels at 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c; 50c each.
Fascinators at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 each.

JACKETS.

What would be nicer than a good Jacket for a present?

Jackets at $3.50, $5.00, $7.50, $10, $12.50.
Capes at $5.00, $6.50, $7.50, $10.
Children's Jackets at $2.50, $3.50, $5.00.

SKIRTS.

Ladies' Dress Skirts at $1.98, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50.

We make to order any special kind of Dress Skirt at short notice.

Best Calico Wrappers at 98c.

FUR REPAIR WORK.

We reline and repair Fur Jackets and Capes of all kinds.

We make Long Capes over into shorter Cape Collars.

We reline and make Muffs out of any kind of Fur.

Special Low Prices on Umbrellas and Mackintoshes This Week.

Chas. T. Johnston,

151 NORTH WATER STREET.

YOU CAN'T EXPECT

Good results from poor medicines; all adulterations are harmful. Use the best. Everything in the Drug line and of the best at

KING'S DRUG STORE,

Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gunther's Candy at Bell's Drug Store.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Use Irwin's perfect tooth powder

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Books at cut prices at Saxton's book store.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but——

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

The Wabash city ticket office will be closed Christmas day —23-2t

Use Irwin's fragrant toilet cream for chapped hands.

The Decatur coffin factory will remain closed for a time Possibly operations will be resumed actively on Jan. 4.

Assignee's sale of fine art goods at Library Art Store. 19-d6

The largest line of fancy Bottled Perfumery at Bell's Drug Store.

Gift books, dainty bindings, at 25c at Saxton's book store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Mch 25-dtf.

The new K. P. hall in Powers' new block will be dedicatd on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21tf

John Lee has waived examination in Justice Hardy's court. He is held for burglarizing Wilson & Rawley s saloon. Bail was fixed at $500.

Get your Christmas Candies of Carmichael.

Bibles at lower prices than ever, 25c, 30c, 50c, 75c and up at Saxton's Book Store.

People were out until after 10 o'clock last night at the stores looking for Santa Claus.

To Rent—Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 705 North Union street. 22-dtf

New upright pianos $225, $250, $275 and $300 A good upright piano, slightly used, for $125 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house —dec7 dtf

Slaughter sale of fine pictures at Library Art Store. 19-d6

The funeral of Mrs. J. C. Peck was held at Cerro Gordo from the First M. E. Church at noon yesterday. Rev. W. E. Sihole preached the funeral sermon. Those who attended from Decatur were Rev J. A. F. King, Levi Towl and wife, M. T. Hott, wife and daughter, and R. G. Peck

The Dorvill Brooks farm of 160 acres near Oreana in Whitmore township has been purchased by Arthur F. Evans, consideration $12 000 Brooks took in the trade the fine nine-room residence in the 300 block on West Wood street belonging to Mr Evans at a valuation of $7500 Mr. Evans paid the difference in money. Mr Brooks will move to town and occupy the property in January. The trade was made through the agency of Brown & Joffres This makes $40,000 worth of property this firm has handled in the past twenty days

Look

At the special things we have in our toy department this week.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 30c.

SPLIT ON THE FEES.

The Real Cause of the Disagreement in the Eichinger Case.

It was made to appear in the Republican last evening that because the counsel in the Michael Eichinger case had failed to reach an agreement as to the dower interest of Mrs. Eichinger in the estate, the negotiations had been declared off. That was a big feature of the proposed agreement, but it was not the cause of the failure to reach an agreement. The real split was on the question of allowance for attorney's fees for the lawyers engaged in the litigation against Assignee Jack. And thereby hangs a story.

The fact that S. S. Jack was appointed assignee and had possession of the Eichinger estate before J. W. Race was appointed conservator for Mr. Eichinger is generally known. Later Mr. Race filed a bill in court to set aside the deed of assignment, declaring that Eichinger was not of sound mind when he made the assignment. Conservator Race endeavored to collect rents and then Assignee Jack got out a bill of injunction restraining Race from exercising any of the functions of conservator. Tuesday last the matter came up for a hearing in court before Judge Vail. Mills Bros. and W. J. Johns represented Assignee Jack and Crea & Walker, Leforgee & Lee and David Hutchinson appeared for Conservator Race and other parties in interest.

Attorney Mills and Attorney Crea first had a conference as to a proposition to preserve the dower interest of Mrs. Eichinger, it appearing that she had signed the deeds of assignment under a misunderstanding as to the value of the estate which was first appraised at $108,000, the debts aggregating over $40,000. She thought there would be enough left after payment of debts to keep the family in good circumstances. It now appears that in the settlement there will be little or nothing left This being the case the attorneys agreed that there would be no contest in the hearing as between the assignee and conservator as to their claims to handle the property. This agreement was easily reached in a general way.

Then came the matter of attorneys' fees. It was held by Attorneys Crea, Leforgee and Hutchinson, so it is stated, that there should be an arrangement about the fees, to be paid them out of the estate by the assignee, provided at the trial the assignee should gain a decision in his favor The attorneys for the assignee were in doubt as to whether or not such a course would be lawful. The fee demanded was $1500. That amount the attorneys for Race et al thought would be reasonable and just. There were many conferences in regard to the matter. The attorneys for Mr. Jack finally proposed that they would submit the whole matter in writing to Judge Vail, and if the court decided that such a course would be lawful then they would agree to have the amount fixed by three lawyers in open court on a hearing of the facts as to service performed the same as in partition cases. It was supposed that such a course would be pursued, but it later appeared that the court had been sounded as to how he would determine the question, and he had stated that he would not allow the fee prop sed unless all parties in interest gave their consent. That was the stumbling block. The court's opinion was known in a advance of the presentation of the statement planned to be laid before him, and because Attorneys Mills and Johns refused to agree to allow the fee of $1500, negotiations were declared off Thursday morning. The attorneys for the assignee were willing to allow any reasonable fee which the law would permit, but the point they made was that Judge Vail should first interpret the law. If there was any law for such a course of procedure, three disinterested attorneys should fix the fee. As stated, the attorneys failing to agree as to the plan of fixing the fee, the whole matter as to the dower interest was dropped.

The case will go to trial on its merits Monday to determine whether or not Mr Eichinger was of sound mind when he made the deed of assignment. If it is decided that he was of sound mind then Mr Jack will retain possession of the property and dispose of it for the benefit of the creditors. If it is decided that he was non compus mentis then Conservator Race will take charge.

There is a course in law by which Mrs Eichinger on a hearing of the facts may get a decision restoring her dower interest in the estate, and very likely she will begin proper proceedings at the January term.

Encampment Elects Officers.

Decatur encampment, No. 37, I. O. O. F. elected officers last night as follows:

C. P.—J. H. Gregor.
H. P.—W H. Peters.
S. W.—H. J. Votaw.
J. W.—W R. Schroder.
Scribe—A. W. Hendricks.
F. Scribe—W. H. Davis.
Treasurer—C. M. Lytle.
Trustees—W. E. Pease, Andrew Sile, R. H. Schroeder, H. J. Votaw, B. S. Woodruff.

A cake walk was given in the Armory last night under the direction of Henry Wilson. Dancing filled the first part of the night. About 1 o'clock fifteen couples began to walk for a cake. They had a grand march and then each couple walked around the hall. Charley Nelson was master of ceremonies. The cake was not awarded until long after 2 o'clock.

Boys' Books.

By Alegers, Otis, Ellis; best $1 book for 50c at Saxton's book store.

LOOKS SUSPICIOUS.

Indications That Enemies of the Country Have Attempted to Blow Up Fort Pickens.

FIRE DISCOVERED IN THE OIL ROOMS

Had the Fire Not Been Discovered in Time 27 Tons of Powder and Dynamite Would Have Exploded.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 25.—At a late hour last night a watchman discovered a fire in the oilroom at Fort Pickens, on Santa Rosa island, where all the ammunition and material for the new disappearing gun batteries that are nearly completed is stored. The oilroom was destroyed and only by the united effort of the large force of men now working at night on the batteries was the fire kept from the magazine, where twenty-seven tons of powder and a large quantity of dynamite are stored. It is believed that an attempt was made to blow up the fort and the guards have been doubled. No one will be permitted to land there without a special permit.

A Gift for W. H. Starr.

The members of the Bill Starr Tanner club last night called on their friend, W. H Starr and gave him a handsome silk umbrella as token of their good will. The club is composed of colored men and at some time or other and in some capacity they have nearly all worked for Mr Starr. During the last campaign he equipped them with uniforms and on several different occasions took them on political excursions. He bore all the expenses and the men, who are all enthusiastic Republicans appreciated the kindness that had been shown them. Last night they took occasion to show to Mr. Starr in a substantial way that they were appreciative.

New Divorce Suits.

Martha Mixell, by her attorney, W. H. Black, asks divorce from David E. Mixell. She alleges that they were married Dec. 29, 1889, and have two children, and that he has been guilty of drunkenness.

Orpha E. Troutman, by her attorney, O. W. Smith, seeks a divorce from Elmer Troutman. She says they were married Nov 28, 1894, and that he has been guilty of adultery. She asks that her maiden name, Orpha Kitchen, be restored.

In the circuit court Alice Bauer, as administratix of the estate of Charles B. Bauer, late of Blue Mound, began suit yesterday against the Wabash Railroad company to recover $5000. Bauer was killed on the crossing south of the St. Louis bridge by the McKinley marching club special train from Chicago last July Fred A. Sawyer is the attorney for the plaintiff.

Base Ball.

Have you seen the great base ball game? It is the most exciting game made, for sale only by E. D. Bartholomew Co.

In the county court Thursday the two indictments against A. D. Risley for false pretense were quashed. In one case Mr. Risley will have to stand trial on an information. In the information it is alleged that Risley got money on property that had been previously mortgaged.

Christmas Candies.

Carmichael can furnish you with the freshest of Xmas candies. He also has holly and evergreens in abundance.—16-tf

Mrs. Elisha P. Allen of East St Louis, whose husband shot at her and wounded her daughter at Warrensburg and is now serving a sentence at the Chester penitentiary, was in Decatur yesterday on her way to Warrensburg.

When

You can buy 35c doll for 20c it will pay you to come to our house to buy it.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Married.

At his office by Justice Hardy on Dec. 24, John R. Scott and Miss May Roberts, The couple will reside on John's avenue.

Best

Variety of low priced Christmas presents at Wingate's lamp and department store

Thad. Rodecer of Pekin, is out this season with the University of Indiana Glee club, doing specialty work as a comic soloist.

The Best Place.

To save money on toys and holiday presents is Wingate's lamp and department store.

Lowest Prices.

On toys and Christmas presents at Wingate s.

NEWS FROM CUBA.

Another Attack On Regla Residents Are Alarmed.

Key West, Fla., Dec 25.—Passengers by the steamer report that another attack was made on Regla, across the bay from Havana Wednesday night, almost under the guns of the fortress Seven houses were burned and a running fight maintained for two hours The Spaniards lost two soldiers killed and the insurgents five or six. The Cubans took their dead away with them. This and other fighting around the city has greatly alarmed the residents. The troop night watch in the suburbs has been doubled

Reports from Pinar del Rio section state that Weyler is keeping his word as regards making that section a desert He has ordered his guerrillas to collect all the cattle and other provisions they can and to fire all plantations, cane fields and houses, and to destroy all provisions that they cannot carry off. To the petitions of the country people for food to maintain them he has turned a deaf ear, and hundreds will soon be in a starving condition.

General Riveria has sent word to Weyler that if he persists in his threats to kill all pacificos who are found in the country that he will make reprisals on Spaniards captured by him. Weyler is affecting to disregard this, but good authorities say that he will not dare to carry out his ideas as broadly as desired His guerrillas have full authority to capture or kill any pacificos found in the country, and to force them to move into the garrisoned towns, as even the troops in such places have little extra food and the residents little to spare. This order makes it a great hardship on the poor farmers and others in the country Already a wide stretch of country has been visited by Major Archimendez, commanding one of the bands of Spanish guerrillas, and he has left a wide path of ruin and desolation behind him. Houses have been burned, plantations destroyed and all provisions hoarded by the country people taken or destroyed. The Cubans are infuriated at this savageness and have begun to show a spirit of retaliation by hanging a guerrilla captured. Weyler's arrival was opportune, it is stated, as his commanders in that section have been greatly worried over the various successes of the Cuban bands. Several attacks have been made on the trocha, in fact, that is now a daily occurrence, the Cubans seemingly desirous of keeping their foes in a state of siege.

It is stated that an entire pacifico family of five persons was destroyed Friday last by Captain Melguizes' band when they tried to prevent the removal of their cattle. Melguizo, irritated at their resistance, shot three down in cold blood and then, binding the two elder sons to his horses' tails, dragged them around until life was extinct. They were then cut loose and thrown into the house to which the firebrand was applied Cubans swear to burn him alive if they ever capture him

General Riveria is moving out of his entrenchments and reports indicate that a battle may be fought soon Weyler has visited various points on the trocha and San Christobal, but he is always accompanied by a large force. Many skirmishes are reported along the line of the trocha and on the outskirts of Artemisa but nothing of importance. A battle has been fought in the Santa Clara province between guerrilla bands, the Cubans forcing the Spanish to retire into Rumedios with heavy loss.

No further details have been obtained as yet regarding the landing of the Three Friends expedition and the reported capture of Ralph D. Paine, the young New York reporter. Fighting ensued at the landing of the cargo and the Spaniards were beaten off It is incredible that Paine should be among the lost and be caught. He is a young son of Rev S D Paine of Jacksonville, this state, styled the "fighting chaplain," a title he earned in the Crimean war.

THREE FRIENDS RETURNS

Custom House Officers Have Taken Her in Charge Claiming She Violated Neutrality Laws.

Key West, Fla, Dec 25.—The steamer Three Friends, Captain Lewis, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The captain says the vessel is from Jacksonville, and that she has been on a wrecking voyage along the reefs. The customs officials are in charge, and there is really no doubt that the vessel has just returned from landing arms and ammunition in Cuba

Nothing was found on the vessel but she has the appearance of having gone through several gales Marks of a shot are visible on her bulwarks and the men smile when asked the meaning of it. It is stated that she was chased into the harbor by the dangerous presence of several Spanish men-of-war that were lying off the keys for her.

The Three Friends is charged with infringing the maritime and neutrality regulations of the United States

From a story told by a drunken sailor the Three Friends landed a cargo of arms and ammunition on the south coast of the island and with her Hotchkiss guns whipped a force of Spaniards who tried to board her.

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MINE DISASTER.

The Entire Property Known Spring Hill Coal Mines, Nova Scotia, May be Burned Out

THE MINE A ROARING FURNA

All Efforts to Subdue the Flames Sta Thursday Have Failed Mine Afforded Employment to 1000 Men

Halifax, N. S., Dec 26.—Another aster has overtaken the Spring Hill mines Five years ago the mines wrecked by an explosion and 150 were lost. The colliery employed a and men. From meagre dispatche ceived it appears that the fire which s ed Thursday evening in the 800 foot has taken complete possession of tw three slopes and eaten its way to the first level where it has developed in raging furnace. When the governm inspector arrived, fire was issuing every opening of the mine. Two cu have been destroyed and the banks b be torn away. Miners tried to exc the air by stopping up every air way the inspector ordered them away fo an explosion. The flames shot a hun feet into the air. The extent of the is not known but most disastrous co quences are feared The loss of the slope is believed to be complete. The chinery will be ruined. It will take work to save the west slope

It is likely that the most serious ge will be confined to the east s The fire seems to be burning itself The loss will be enormous and will c great destitution among the miners is doubtful if work can be resumed.

CONFER WITH ECKELS.

A Committee of the Directors of Def National Bank of Illinois Call on the Comptroller.

Washington, Dec 26.—A committ the directors of the collapsed Nat Bank of Illinois of Chicago held a secret conference with Comptroller E this morning They desired to see original of certain letters which p between the comptroller and the dire is some questions as to the authen of the signatures have arisen They desired to explain their relations to management of the bank since the l was written to the directors by the troller in 1893 Eckels told them management of the bank had been negligent They explained that since receipt of Eckels letter they had be ing to sell the Calumet electric lin panic and long political campaign the Diamond match trouble made i possible. Eckels impressed on them he would expect them to make every effort to realize from the Cal rd at the best figure possible.

Refuses to Talk or Eat.

Louisville, Ill., Dec 26.—John Py the county jail here, on a charge assault to kill, is giving the doctors a deal of trouble. On the 8th inst. h committed to jail in default of From that date to the present he b fused to eat He declines to talk t one even to his attorney On th last Drs Launchner and Boyle we pointed by the county court to ex him on a charge of insanity filed sheriff. The doctors found him sane Yesterday the charge was r ed and the court appointed Drs Kirc Park of Flora, Ill, to examine him to an examination the doctors re him sane and declared that he is si ing insanity He has no fever showing little if any failure in stre

Not Harris, the Firebug.

Monmouth, Ill., Dec. 26.—De Sergeant McNaught and Lewis F New York, came here last night Litter came to identify the man here Tuesday as J. L. Harris, the of New York City. They have the city prison all day, and do no the man under arrest, who was here as W. C. LaGrace, is the Har are looking for The man bea markable resemblance, but they s not the man wanted The offic turned to New York last night.

Weston the Pedestrian.

New York, Dec 26.—Edward Weston, the father of pedestriani started on a twenty-four hour wa o'clock last night, completed his mile at 10:30 this morning, he is condition.

At 1 30 this afternoon after hour s rest, Weston reappeared gr freshed and at 2 o'clock had cov enty two miles.